

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3712**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John H. Rogers***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act authorizing the town of Norwood to change the use of a recreation department parcel and to erect and constitute an Eastern Massachusetts Regional Ice Skating Rink and Recreation Center.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*John H. Rogers*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*12th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John H. Rogers for legislation to authorize the town of Norwood to change the use of a certain parcel of recreation department land and to further authorize the construction of a regional indoor ice skating rink and recreation center. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act authorizing the town of Norwood to change the use of a recreation department parcel and to erect and constitute an Eastern Massachusetts Regional Ice Skating Rink and Recreation Center.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide for the construction and operation of a regional indoor ice skating rink and recreation center in the town of Norwood, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the town of  
2 Norwood, acting by and through its board of selectmen, may change the use of a parcel currently  
3 under the care, custody and management of the recreation department from outdoor recreational  
4 use to indoor recreational use for the construction and operation of a regional indoor ice skating  
5 rink and recreation center. Said parcel is listed as parcel 8-1B-1A and contains approximately  
6 30,520 square feet in a plan entitled “Land to be Transferred from Norwood School Department  
7 to Norwood Recreation Department” prepared by Mark P. Ryan, Town Engineer and dated April  
8 30, 2013 and on file at the town of Norwood engineering department. This parcel shall remain  
9 under the care, custody and management of the recreation department.

10           The town of Norwood, acting by and through its board of selectmen, may change the use  
11 of a parcel currently under the care, custody and management of the school department to the  
12 recreation department to be used for indoor recreational purposes. Said parcel is listed as parcel 1  
13 and contains approximately 121,210 square feet in the above referenced plan.

14 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, as a condition  
15 of the change of use authorized in section 1, the town of Norwood shall transfer a parcel  
16 currently under the care, custody and management of the school department to the recreation  
17 department and dedicated to outdoor recreational use. Said parcel is listed as parcel 2 and  
18 contains approximately 43,750 square feet in the plan described above.

19 SECTION 3. The indoor ice skating rink and recreation center authorized in section 1  
20 shall be a regional facility for, at a minimum, Eastern Massachusetts, which shall be open to the  
21 general public and shall not be limited to the residents of the town of Norwood.

22 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.